THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases of child labour

307. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for speedy disposal of pending cases relating to child labour;

(b) the number of cases disposed off by the courts and the number of cases lying pending as on October 31, 2003, State-wise;

(c) whether any additional child labour courts/tribunals have been set up to dispose off the cases expeditiously; and

(d) how Government propose to deal effectively with the grave problem?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) The State Governments are requested from time to time to pursue the cases pending in various courts vigorously.

(b) The details are at given in the enclosed statement (see below).

(c) and (d) No Sir. Section 17 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 empower the State Governments and other appropriate agencies for enforcement of the Act. The Act prohibits employment of children under the age of 14 in certain occupations and processes contained in Schedule-A and B of the Act.

Statement

*State-wise Statistics (Provisional)**

Act: Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act 1986

For the year: 2003 up to 31 -5-2003

Sl. No.		Prosecution under the Act	Convinctions	Acquittals
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	563 0	0	0
2.	Andaman & Nico. U.T	0 0	0	0
3.	Arunachal Pradesh		0	0
4.	Assam		0	0

(1) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
5. Bihar	354	0	0
6. Chandigarh U.T.	0	0	0
7. Dadra & Nagar H. U.T.	0	0	0
8. Daman & Diu U.T.	0	0	0
9. Delhi U.T.	36	0	0
10. Goa	0	4	3
11. Gujarat	7	3	5
12. Haryana	11	23	0
13. Himachal Pradesh	3	3	0
14. Karnataka	300	56	0
15. Kerala	1	1	0
16. Lakshadweep U.T.	0	0	0
17. Madhya Pradesh	35	17	1681
18. Maharashtra	0	0	0
19. Manipur	0	0	0
20. Meghalaya	0	0	0
21. Mizoram	0	0	0
22. Nagaland	0	0	0
23. Orissa	1	0	20
24. Pondicherry U.T.	0	0	0
25. Punjab	0	0	0
26. Rajasthan	55	57	92
27. Sikkim	0	0	0
28. Tamil Nadu	808	127	48
29. Tripura	0	0	0
30. Uttar Pradesh	321	23	171
31. Uttaranchal	3	4	13
32. West Bengal	6	0	17
TOTAL :	2504	318	2050

* based on reports received from States and Union Territories.

0=Nil information reported by States/UTs.